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This report outlines the activities undertaken at regional and national levels for the commemoration of 1986 as the "Year of Cartography in Africa". It also highlighted some of the difficulties which called for the extension of the commemoration to April 1987 - difficulty in getting organized at national level to form committees and lack of budgetary provisions at the Economic Commission for Africa for planned activities. It stressed the premature realistic appraisal of the impact of the Year but noted that: the largest attendance realized at the sixth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Africa (UNRCCA); reports by representatives of the member States at the Conference confirming greater awareness of their governments of the role of cartography including remote sensing as tools for meaningful planning and economic development; and the call for technical assistance to establish its national cartographic and remote sensing institution by a member State, are immediate impacts. By mid-1987, a realistic assessment of the impact of the Year should be possible.